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COUNTRY: Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT

TOPIC: Parchim Airfield 25X1

25X1 EVALUATION: [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED: [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 DATE OF CONTENT: [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED: [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED: 7 July 1952

25X1 REFERENCES: [REDACTED]

PAGES: [REDACTED] ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE): [REDACTED]

REMARKS: [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] firing was practiced by jet fighters at a sleeve target towed by a twin-engine plane over Parchim airfield. The aircraft took off and landed individually. On 20 May, night flying started after nightfall and lasted until about 3 a.m. From the noise of engines, [REDACTED] only jet aircraft were in the air for periods of about 10 minutes. The take-offs and landings were made individually. A searchlight at the field which rotated in a semi-circle was only in operation when a plane was in the air. Two trucks, including one with a rod antenna, were parked at the runway. 25X1
2. At 8 a.m. on 21 May, two MiG-15s took off one after the other. They landed about 8:20 a.m. A twin-engine plane with a large red rectangle and the figure 3 on its rudder assembly took off at 9 a.m. Its landing was not observed. At 10 a.m., a biplane made a local flight. A truck with a rod antenna and 6 MiG-15s, the latter guarded by a sentry armed with a rifle, were parked near the runway. Fifteen MiG-15s were parked in a line in the northern section of the field. Each plane was half covered with a tarpaulin. One twin-engine plane and one biplane were also parked there. 25X1
3. [REDACTED]
4. The airfield was surrounded by a board fence along Parchim-Damm road and a mesh wire fence along the other sides. (1) 25X1
5. Sixteen MiG-15s, some of which were covered with tarpaulins, were counted on the field between the three destroyed hangars and the runway. [REDACTED] One biplane, 2 single-engine, low-wing; 25X1

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monoplanes and 2 twin-engine aircraft were parked adjacent to and southwest of the aforementioned planes. Additional MiG-15s which pointed to the runway, 1 radio truck with an extended antenna, 1 tank truck and 1 open truck were parked on the southwestern edge of the field. No soldiers were observed nearby.

6. A sentry was observed at the point where the spur track to the field branches off from Parchim-Ludwigslust railroad line. A fenced-in settlement was located in the triangle formed by the railroad line, the road and the field, about 600 meters east of the airfield. A sentry wearing blue epaulets was observed in front of the settlement. Inside the settlement, there was a motorcycle of German manufacture [redacted] which was operated by two officers wearing blue epaulets. No activity was observed on the firing and training area north of Parchim-Damm road. [redacted]

7. On 25 May, 25 MiG-15 and type-29 planes and 2 twin-engine aircraft were counted at the field. [redacted] the field he observed that there was intensive activity. In the morning and afternoon of 7 June, intensive air activity was observed at the field. Aircraft took off in elements of two and in flights while, at the same time, formations of two and up to 10 MiG-15s were in the air. A single-engine plane towing a target sleeve on a rope about 100 meters long was observed over the field. The sleeve target was attacked by MiG-15s flying at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. It was observed that all MiG-15 and type-29 planes had auxiliary fuel tanks fitted under the center of their wings.

8. Three new buildings, each about 10 x 25 meters, were erected or under construction between the southern edge of the runway and the spur track. The building south of the runway had a pointed roof with a tower-like superstructure at the center of the roof. The other buildings which had round roofs looked like hangars. (2) Between the two hangar-like buildings and the eastern building there were large piles of cinders and coal dust.

9. [redacted] 25X1  
an gun, was located south of Damm road. [redacted] more 25X1  
guns were placed in the same area. A searchlight about 2 meters in diameter was southeast of the gun. (3)

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- (1) [redacted] Comments. [redacted] 25X1  
fence was completed along the northern border of the field and that it was still under construction along the other sides. [redacted] 25X1  
(2) The new buildings are reported for the first time. It is possible that two hangars were built there since the old German hangars on the northern edge of the field were not intact. 25X1  
(3) The observations made from a large distance must be viewed with reserve. However, it is possible that AA guns have been placed at the field recently because AA guns were observed arriving at a number of airfields of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army after mid-April 1952. It is believed that AA protection was ordered for all airfields of the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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- (4) The report confirms that the field is occupied by a fighter regiment. The exact number of MiG-15s is not known, but it is believed that the regiment is equipped with a total of about 30 MiG-15s.

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